



## SC Department of Employment and Workforce

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## **SC Department of Employment and Workforce Executive Director Abraham J. Turner's Statement on State's December Unemployment Rate**

### **Unemployment Ticks Up to 8.4 Percent**

"Typically, we see a small decrease in employment in December because of seasonal declines in the Leisure and Hospitality, Professional and Business Services, and Government sectors.

Nonetheless, I am encouraged as the state's overall job growth trend throughout 2012 was at a pace similar to historical levels before the recent recession. This is welcomed news as we move forward in 2013, when DEW will continue partnering closely with businesses and jobseekers to put South Carolinians back to work."